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House Bill 5926 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Steve Marino
House Committee: Workforce and Talent Development
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Corrections Code to expand the educational requirement under which a prisoner would be eligible for a certificate of employability, and delete a provision specifying that a certificate of employability is valid for four years after the date it is issued.

The Corrections Code requires the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to issue a certificate of employability to a prisoner upon his or her release if certain conditions are met.

Under the bill, the MDOC would have to issue a certificate of employability to a prisoner who, while incarcerated, successfully completed or earned one or more of the following, in addition to meeting the requirements currently specified in the Code pertaining to major and minor misconducts and the national work readiness certificate:

- A career and technical education course.
- At least 36 hours at an accredited postsecondary education institution.
- An associate or bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary education institution if at least 50% of the credit hours for that degree were completed while the prisoner was incarcerated.

The Code specifies that a certificate of employability must be issued only within 30 days before the prisoner is released from a correctional facility and is valid for four years after the date it is issued, unless revoked by the MDOC. Under the bill, a certificate of employability would be valid unless revoked by the MDOC.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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